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Jersey Cash 5 Winner Claims Jackpot Prize at Lottery Headquarters

Do You Consider Three a Lucky Number?

TRENTON (May 5, 2014) – The lucky Jersey Cash 5 winner of the April 22 drawing came to lottery headquarters to claim his prize. Michael Monfardini, 44, from Landisville, had the sole winning ticket that matched all five numbers drawn for the jackpot, valued at \$630,260. The winning numbers were: 09, 10, 11, 17 and 22. Typically, numbers such as these would have garnered numerous winners because they correspond with months and days of the week, a common theme used by players when picking numbers. Often players pick numbers based on birthdays and other memorable occasions. Monfardini's ticket was a Quick Pick.



Executive Director Carole Hedinger said, "Winning the lottery is just a matter of luck. Some players have lucky numbers while others simply let the machine do the picking." This story though, may have one reconsider whether the number three is indeed a lucky number.

Monfardini was the third player to claim a jackpot prize from a ticket purchased at the very lucky retailer, Vineland (Buena) Truck

Stop, located at 760 Harding Way, Buena in Atlantic County, in less than a year. They sold the \$30 million Mega Millions jackpot winning ticket to Darryl and Judith Smith from Mays Landing for the May 31, 2013 drawing. The winning numbers were Quick Picks. They also sold a \$1,000,000 top-prize winning \$100,000,000 Spectacular instant game ticket to Theresa Gray on March 13, 2014.

To add to the theme of '3's', Monfardini explained that this was the third time he's purchased a Jersey Cash 5 ticket. "On my way home, I stopped to buy lunch meat. The counter clerk said to another regular customer that the Jersey Cash 5 jackpot was up to \$500,000." He bought his lunch meat and left the deli. He was thinking about what he had heard when he spotted the Buena truck stop. He decided to pull over and buy a ticket. He bought the ticket with three wagers on it.

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Jersey Cash 5 has drawings every evening. During April, there have been 23 top tier winners claiming more than \$2.7 million. In addition to the top-tier winners, more than 97,000 players have won prizes during the month. Monfardini's was the largest jackpot for the month.

Watch live New Jersey Lottery drawings for the Pick-3, Pick-4, Jersey Cash 5 and Pick-6 games at the Lottery website (NJLottery.net), or on the official Lottery Facebook Page. Evening draws can be seen on CBS stations: WLNY 10/55 and CW Philly 57. Powerball and Mega Millions drawings can be seen on WABC TV stations.

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.net) has contributed more than \$22 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In fiscal year 2013, the Lottery's contribution was more than \$1 billion. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, community and other colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

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